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FORMER PRESIDENT, OWNER OF OAK FARMS NURSERY
SENTENCED IN TAX CASE

Tampa, Florida - On December 13, 2002, Chief United States District Court Judge Elizabeth Kovachevich sentenced Billy George Newberry to 5 months' imprisonment followed by 5 months of home confinement. Judge Kovachevich also order Newberry to file his back tax returns as a special condition of supervised release. Newberry, president and owner of Oak Farms Nursery, Inc. in Englewood, Florida, previously pleaded guilty to two counts of filing materially false United States Corporate Income Tax Returns in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1). As part of the plea agreement, Newberry admitted that he filed 1995 and 1996 returns for Oak Farms Nursery, Inc., that under reported gross receipts by \$99,754 and \$171,246, respectively. The case was prosecuted by the Department of Justice Tax Division and investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division.